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1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ASHRAF MARWAN WILL BE VISITING TEHRAN THIS COMING WEEK TO SEE GENERAL TOUFANIAN. AS WE ANTICIPATE SUBJECT OF TRAINING EGYPTIAN PILOTS ON C-130S WILL BE BROACHED, WOULD APPRECIATE OUTLINE OF WHAT WE SHOULD SAY, IF ASKED.

2. TO RECAP, WE HAVE TOLD GOI THAT SUBJECT OF C-130 PILOT TRAINING WOULD BE ADDRESSED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOE. BASED ON THOSE DISCUSSIONS WE WOULD LET IRANIANS KNOW WHERE IT SEEMED PREFERABLE TO TRAIN EGYPTIANS, I.E., IN U.S. OR IRAN. FOR THEIR PART, IRANIAN GENERALS TOUFANIAN AND AZHARI UNDERSTAND THEY MUST WAIT FOR USG APPROVAL BEFORE BEGINNING ANY TRAINING.
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